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SUBJECT: TIMES STORY ON SOVIET- SOMALIA MILITARY RELATIONS

1. TEXT OF APRIL 9 NYTIMES ARTICLE BY BEECHER FOLLOWS:

U. S. HEARS SOVIET HAS SOMALI BASE -- MOSCOW NAVAL CENTER SAID TO HAVE DIRECT CONTROL -- WASHINGTON, APRIL 8 -- THE SOVIET UNION RECENTLY BUILT A LONG- RANGE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY IN THE SOMALI REPUBLIC, ON THE EAST COAST OF AFRICA, THROUGH WHICH NAVAL HEADQUARTERS IN MOSCOW CAN DIRECTLY CONTROL THE MOVEMENTS OF ITS WARSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN MILITARY ANALYSTS.

THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER, SIMILAR TO ONE IN OPERATION IN CUBA, IS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF FAIRLY RECENT INDICATORS
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OF RISING SOVIET MILITARY INTEREST IN SOMALIA, THE ANALYSTS SAY. OTHERS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: OVER THE LAST YEAR OR SO THE NUMBER OF RUSSIAN MILITARY ADVISERS AND TECHNICIANS IN SOMALIA IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE INCREASED FROM A FEW HUNDRED TO 2,500. THE ANALYSTS SAY THIS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORY CONTINGENTS.

THE NUMBER IS CONSIDERED UNUSUALLY LARGE, OFFICIALS SAY, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT THEM SHALL REGISTER THE OBJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS ARTICLE, BEARING IN MIND THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VIII OF THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED OR TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE LAUNCHING STATES ON JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OVER THE SPACE OBJECT. AND OVER ANY PERSONNEL THEREOF.

3. THE CONTENTS OF AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH EACH REGISTRY IS MAINTAINED SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF REGISTRY CONCERNED.

ARTICLE III

1. EACH STATE OF REGISTRY SHALL FURNISH TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING EACH SPACE OBJECT LAUNCHED INTO EARTH ORBIT OR BEYOND:

- (A) NAME OF LAUNCHING STATE OR STATES;
 - (B) AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL DESIGNATOR OR REGISTRATION NUMBER;
 - (C) DATE AND TERRITORY OR FACILITY OF LAUNCH;
 - (D) BASIC ORBITAL PARAMETERS, INCLUDING:
 - (I) NODAL PERIOD,
 - (II) INCLINATION,
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- (III) APOGEE, AND
- (IV) PERIGEE;
- (E) GENERAL FUNCTION OF THE SPACE OBJECT.

2. A STATE OF REGISTRY MAY, FROM TIME TO TIME, PROVIDE THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IN RELATIONS TO A SPACE OBJECT IT HAS LAUNCHED INTO EARTH
ORBIT OR BEYOND.

3. EACH STATE OF REGISTRY SHALL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY
GENERAL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE AND AS SOON AS
PRACTICABLE, OF SPACE OBJECTS CONCERNING WHICH IT HAS
PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED INFORMATION AND WHICH HAVE BEEN BUT
NO LONGER ARE IN EARTH ORBIT. END QTE.
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